



# Nevada Ag Stats Newsletter

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## June Acreage Report

**Nevada Highlights:** Corn totaled 8,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Most corn grown in Nevada is harvested for silage. Nevada's wheat acreage is comprised of 20,000 acres of winter wheat and 8,000 acres of spring wheat. Alfalfa hay acreage totaled 240,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from last year. Other hay acreage totaled 175,000 acres, down 25,000 acres from a year ago. A lack of water supplies decreased acreage of native grasses available for haying.

### United States Highlights:

**Corn** planted area for all purposes in 2012 is estimated at 96.4 million acres, up 5 percent from last year and represents the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1937 when an estimated 97.2 million acres were planted. Growers expect to harvest 88.9 million acres for grain, up 6 percent from last year.

**All wheat** planted area is estimated at 56.0 million acres, up 3 percent from 2011. The 2012 winter wheat planted area, at 41.8 million acres, is up 3 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 30.0 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.3 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.5 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2012 is estimated at 12.0 million acres, down 3 percent from 2011. Of this total, about 11.4 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2012 is estimated at 2.20 million acres, up 61 percent from the previous year.

**Hay:** Producers intend to harvest 57.7 million acres of all hay in 2012, up 4 percent from 2011. Expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 18.8 million acres, is down 2 percent from 2011. Expected harvested area for all other types of hay totals 38.8 million acres, up 7 percent from 2011. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures harvested area is expected to decrease from last year in many locations due to a variety of reasons including the cool, wet spring weather in portions of the northern Rocky Mountains, as well as unusually hot, dry conditions in the Corn Belt, Four Corners States, and Great Lakes region. Other hay harvested acres are expected to be above last year throughout much of the South, as weather conditions in many locations have provided improved soil moisture levels and favorable temperatures when compared with last year.

### **Acreage: Nevada and United States – 2011 and 2012**

Crop	Nevada			United States		
	2011	2012	'12 as a % of '11	2011	2012	'12 as a % of '11
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Percent	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Percent
Corn Planted	8	8	100	91,921	96,405	105
All Wheat Planted	23	28	122	54,409	56,017	103
All Wheat Harvested	12	15	125	45,705	48,826	107
Winter Wheat Planted	15	20	133	40,646	41,819	103
Winter Wheat Harvested	9	11	122	32,314	35,023	108
Spring Wheat Planted	8	8	100	12,394	11,995	97
Spring Wheat Harvested	3	4	133	12,079	11,681	97
All Hay Harvested	450	415	92	55,633	57,669	104
Alfalfa Hay Harvested	250	240	96	19,213	18,827	98
All Other Hay Harvested	200	175	88	36,420	38,842	107

## U.S. Winter Wheat Forecast

The 2012 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 41.8 million acres, up 3 percent from 2011 and up slightly from the previous estimate. Nationally, more acres were seeded this year due to expectations of better net returns compared with last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 35.0 million acres, up 8 percent from last year.

With unusually warm and dry conditions throughout the winter and spring months, harvest began early and by June 10, was 35 percent complete in the major winter wheat-producing States, 26 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.68 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the May 1 forecast but 13 percent above 2011. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 47.3 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month but 1.1 bushels more than last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 35.6 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

Hard Red Winter, at 1.02 billion bushels, is down 1 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter production is up slightly from last month and now totals 428 million bushels. White Winter production totals 231 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month. Of this total, 14.1 million bushels are Hard White and 217 million bushels are Soft White.

Flour from hard wheat varieties is primarily used for bread making. Flour from soft wheat varieties is commonly used in the making of cakes, cookies, snack foods, crackers and pastries.

### Winter Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – 2011 and Forecasted June 1, 2012

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012		2011	2012
				May 1	June 1		
	(1,000 acres)		(bushels)			(1,000 bushels)	
Other States <sup>1</sup>	956	1,135	55.2	51.2	51.3	52,789	58,277
United States	32,314	35,580 <sup>2</sup>	46.2	47.6	47.3	1,493,677	1,683,667

<sup>1</sup> Other States include Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming. <sup>2</sup> Early season acreage estimate. Revised in the June Acreage Report. See next table for revision.

### Wheat Area Planted and Harvested – 2011 and Forecasted June 1, 2012

Crop	Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(1,000 acres)		(1,000 acres)	
<b>Nevada</b>				
Wheat, All	23	28	12	15
Winter	15	20	9	11
Spring	8	8	3	4
<b>United States</b>				
Wheat, All	54,409	56,017	45,705	48,826
Winter	40,646	41,819	32,314	35,023
Spring	12,394	11,995	12,079	11,681
Durum	1,369	2,203	1,312	2,122

<sup>1</sup> Area planted for all purposes.

### Hay Prices

**Nevada:** The all hay price, at \$213.00 per ton, is down \$10.00 from May and up \$40.00 from last June. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$215.00 per ton, down \$10.00 from May and up \$40.00 from a year ago. All other hay, at \$172.00 per ton, is down \$3.00 from May and up \$37.00 from a year ago.

**United States:** The all hay price, at \$183 per ton, is down \$16.00 from May but \$20.00 higher than last June. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$201.00 per ton, down \$14.00 from May. All other hay at \$133.00 per ton, is down \$13.00 from last month.

#### **Hay Prices Received by Type measured in \$ per Ton – Select States and United States: June 2012**

State	All Hay			Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay <sup>1</sup>		
	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012
Arizona	226.00	250.00	240.00	230.00	255.00	245.00	170.00	195.00	195.00
California	218.00	221.00	204.00	238.00	227.00	211.00	137.00	186.00	174.00
Idaho	189.00	178.00	187.00	191.00	180.00	190.00	145.00	120.00	120.00
<b>Nevada</b>	<b>173.00</b>	<b>223.00</b>	<b>213.00</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>225.00</b>	<b>215.00</b>	<b>135.00</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>172.00</b>
Oregon	207.00	228.00	204.00	213.00	230.00	224.00	187.00	226.00	183.00
Utah	172.00	203.00	196.00	173.00	205.00	198.00	141.00	163.00	158.00
United States	163.00	199.00	183.00	180.00	215.00	201.00	113.00	146.00	133.00

<sup>1</sup> Other hay is comprised of grain and grain mixtures, timothy, clover, wild, prairie, range, and other types.

### June Weather Summary

Temperatures were warmer than average yet still varied widely during the month. Freezing night time lows were still common early in the month. Temperatures warmed into the low 90's late in the month. Temperatures ranged from near normal to 2.8 degrees above normal. Las Vegas recorded the high of 118 degrees. Ely had the lowest temperature of the month at 19 degrees. Elko, Ely, Eureka, and Winnemucca all recorded lows in the twenties. Precipitation was sparse during the month. Winnemucca recorded the most precipitation with 0.14 inches. Crop conditions were generally good, but cold nighttime temperatures slowed crop and forage progress. First cutting of alfalfa hay was under way in the north. Drought conditions remain a concern as moderate to severe drought conditions were prevalent throughout the State. Main farm and ranch activities: haying, irrigating, weed and insect control, and equipment maintenance.

#### **Weather data for stations in Nevada: June 2012**

Station	Temperature (°F)				Precipitation (inches)		
	Monthly Avg.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Monthly Total	Departure from Normal	Greatest 24 Hour
Reno	68.9	1.2	100	38	Trace	-0.51	Trace
Elko	64.3	2.1	98	27	0.05	-0.60	0.05
Ely	62.7	2.7	92	19	0.04	-0.63	0.04
Winnemucca	63.8	-0.4	100	24	0.14	-0.42	0.14
Eureka	63.4	2.8	95	24	0.05	-0.80	0.05
Tonopah	69.6	1.5	95	38	0.00	-0.28	0.00
Las Vegas	89.2	2.5	108	68	0.00	-0.07	0.00

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## Pasture and Range Condition, Percent Rating Good or Better Week Ending July 1, 2012

